

Phoenix area sees season's first major storm

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The Phoenix metropolitan area saw its first major summer storm last night. Actually, it was multiple storms arriving in the area from several directions.

The results were the same, however. The area was pummeled with driving rain, heavy lightning and strong winds. The combination produced numerous power outages across the metropolitan area. Around 9 p.m., approximately 2,600 of our customers were without power.

Our crews worked through the night and as of 9 a.m. all but 130 customers were back in service. The remaining customers are scattered throughout the area and are expected to be back in service by later this afternoon.

The company's preparations for the summer storm season were discussed by **Tom Friddle**, Department Leader, Distribution Operations, in [an interview](#) broadcast last night on Phoenix television station KPHO CBS-5.

The segment highlights the company's efforts to reduce storm-related outage durations through the use of pre-framed power poles and staging those poles across the service territory.